

Pumped Up

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

1. Economists say that a substantial drop in oil prices—like the one the U.S. is experiencing now—has the same effect on the U.S. economy as
 - a a tax cut.
 - b a tax hike.
 - c a natural disaster.
 - d a major recession.
2. All of the following except ____ are oil-producing countries that are hostile to American interests.
 - a Venezuela
 - b Russia
 - c Mexico
 - d Iran
3. The U.S. recently became the world's top oil producer, surpassing longtime leader ____
 - a Iraq.
 - b Iran.
 - c United Arab Emirates.
 - d Saudi Arabia.
4. According to the article, a concern that some have about hydraulic fracturing technology is that
 - a it extracts natural gas but not oil.
 - b it can't produce enough oil to meet rising U.S. demand.
 - c it may contaminate water supplies.
 - d none of the above
5. Which statement about recent demand for oil is true?
 - a Americans have been driving a greater number of miles, causing a sharp rise in domestic demand.
 - b Sagging European economies have caused a global increase in demand.
 - c Fuel-efficient cars have helped drive a decline in demand.
 - d OPEC has cut back production, contributing to a decline in demand.
6. Who's likely to applaud the recent low gas prices?
 - a environmentalists
 - b employees in the oil industry
 - c drivers
 - d all of the above

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

7. Evaluate what lower gas and oil prices might mean for your community. Is the overall effect positive or negative?

8. To what extent should Americans change their habits and behaviors to adapt to lower gas and oil prices? Explain.

Terror in Paris

Choose the best answer for each of the following questions.

1. The *Charlie Hebdo* killings were carried out by Muslim extremists who were angry about
 - a the newspaper's anti-Semitic content.
 - b the lack of free speech protections in France.
 - c the newspaper's use of cartoons depicting Muhammad.
 - d France's refusal to negotiate with ISIS.
2. Which is NOT a protected category of speech in the United States, according to the article?
 - a speech inciting someone to violence
 - b political satire
 - c religious satire
 - d racially charged language
3. What led some people to accuse France of having a double standard when it comes to free speech?
 - a Muslim newspapers are not permitted to run cartoons.
 - b In the days after the Paris attacks, 100 Muslims were investigated for condoning acts of terrorism.
 - c Editors at *Charlie Hebdo* were arrested for printing offensive language just before the Paris attacks.
 - d Newspapers may defame a person's character.
4. Which statement accurately describes France's Muslim population?
 - a About a third of the nation's population is Muslim.
 - b Most French Muslims live in the countryside and work as farmers.
 - c Many French Muslims come from nations that were once colonies of France.
 - d all of the above
5. Muslims in France
 - a may not wear head scarves to school.
 - b have very low unemployment rates.
 - c are required by national law to wear the *niqab* in public.
 - d none of the above
6. One effect of the attack at the kosher market in Paris has been that
 - a most synagogues in Paris have been shut down.
 - b France has closed its doors to new immigrants.
 - c France's government is trying to ban *Charlie Hebdo*.
 - d some French Jews are moving to Israel.

IN-DEPTH QUESTIONS

7. Why does French Prime Minister Manuel Valls say that French Muslims face an "ethnic apartheid"?

8. Based on what you have read, how is the nature of the terrorist threat in the U.S. changing? How do you think the U.S. should respond to this evolving threat?
